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Chris is a partner specialising in international arbitration.

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BACKGROUND

Chris joined Herbert Smith's international arbitration group in London on qualification, having previously graduated from Cambridge University with a triple first in law. He has since spent time in the firm's arbitration teams in Shanghai and New York, returning to London from New York in 2015.

KEY SERVICES

[Dispute Resolution](#)
[International Arbitration](#)

KEY SECTORS

[Oil and Gas](#)
[Pharmaceuticals and Healthcare](#)

EXPERIENCE

Chris has acted as counsel and advocate in ad hoc and institutional arbitrations in a number of jurisdictions and under various governing laws. He has broad experience of advising on international disputes, particularly in the energy, mining and life sciences sectors.

He has advised:

- an international pharmaceutical company in an ICC arbitration in Singapore with over US\$0.5 billion in dispute concerning a co-promotion agreement
- the owner of a LNG terminal in an ICC arbitration concerning a long term gas supply agreement relating to an offshore African field
- Mylan Laboratories in its significant victory in a SIAC arbitration commenced by Phosphagenics in Singapore arising from licensing and research agreements, in which Phosphagenics claimed damages of over US\$ 300 million
- SCF II, a subsidiary of the major African urban land development group, Rendeavour, in an LCIA arbitration in relation to the Tatu City project in Kenya. SCF II succeeded in the arbitration in relation to its claims for fraudulent misrepresentation and breach of contract. We have also assisted SCF II in relation to enforcement of the award in Mauritius
- an African oil company in an LCIA arbitration in London relating to an upstream interest in Nigeria
- an international mining company in an LCIA arbitration seated in London concerning a mining project in sub-Saharan Africa
- an international investment firm in an ICC arbitration seated in Paris regarding a mining project in Turkey

ACCOLADES

Legal 500 UK 2019 comments that Chris is a recommended lawyer for International Arbitration and Pharmaceuticals and biotechnology

Who's Who Legal Arbitration: Future Leaders 2018 describes Chris as 'a calm and effective presence'

Who's Who Legal Arbitration: Future Leaders 2019 notes that Chris Parker is 'a sophisticated and polished advocate' who sources would highly recommend for his "superb work" in both institutional and ad hoc proceedings. According to one peer, 'His cross-examination skills are otherworldly'

Named Rising Star at *The American Lawyer's Transatlantic Legal Awards 2016*

Recognised by *Chambers & Partners* as a Foreign Expert Based in UK for USA - International Arbitration and Foreign Expert for USA for UK - Dispute Resolution.

Chambers USA 2014 comments that Chris is "particularly valued by clients for his 'knowledgeable, confident and business-minded' approach to dispute resolution".

Chambers Global 2014 identifies Chris as "one of Herbert Smith Freehills' most promising younger partners, demonstrating legal savviness well beyond his years", says he is "rapidly making strides in the commercial arbitration space", and notes his considerable UK expertise.

Chambers Global 2012 comments that Chris "is gaining significant praise for his commercial arbitration expertise" and identifies him as a "Notable Practitioner; foreign legal expert" (USA, International Arbitration).